MONTEREY NEWS

APRIL 1992

TOWN NEWS

The Selectmen met with Police Chief Gordon Hamm and Thomas Thorn to discuss Mr. Thorn's application for appointment to the Monterey Police Department. The Board questioned Mr. Thorn about his education and employment background, and discussed the qualities that the town is looking for in its police officers. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Thorn to the Monterey Police Department as a trainee under the supervision of Police Chief Hamm. Mr. Thorn must complete the appropriate police training courses before a permanent appointment to the Police department can be considered.

Police Chief Gordon Hamm informed the Selectmen about a program for vaccinating emergency service personnel against hepatitis B, to be administered by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). Chief Hamm suggested that money might be saved if the highway crew was included in the program along with the Police department. Highway Superintendent Don Amstead presented the materials to his department and determined that they are not interested in participating.

Nick Wool, Chairman of the Finance Committee and Police Chief Hamm met with the Selectmen to discuss repairs to the 1986 police cruiser. Selectman Matt Williams suggested that because the body of the cruiser is not in good shape, and it is an emergency vehicle, it would make sense to replace, rather than repair it. If it is decided to purchase a new vehicle, the Finance Committee recommends using $15,000 from overlay surplus and raising and appropriating $4,000.

Selectman Bohn registered his opposition to any capital expenditure that will raise the tax rate. He also pointed out that state police cruisers are not retired until the mileage has reached 80,000 miles, while the Monterey cruisers has 54,000 miles. Mr. Bohn suggested obtaining up-to-date figures on the town's

financial situation before including this item on the warrant for town meeting.

The Selectmen announced that all warrant articles for the annual town meeting on May 2 must be submitted by March 30. The warrant will be submitted to town counsel for review on April 6, and the Board will sign the finalized warrant on April 13.

Last month, we reported in this space that the troubles of the Monterey Water Company has ended. Our information came from a story in the *Berkshire Eagle*. Unfortunately, that information was incorrect. In fact, the Monterey Water Company is not exempt from the federal requirements outlined in the 1986 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act. The exemptions were granted for gravel-packed wells. The Monterey well in question is a bedrock well. According to Mark Makuc, in a letter to the editor printed in the *Eagle*, "Our well is a backup to a spring which is our primary supply. The DEP would like us to stop using that spring despite its history of excellent water quality, unless we filter, which is financially beyond our means." The bottom line is that the Monterey Water Company is back to square one. They don't have the type of water sources that have been exempted from regulations and are still being threatened with shut down unless they make massive, expensive, seemingly unnecessary improvements.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to grant Shirley Clute of Art School Road a conflict-of-interest exemption in her funding application to the Monterey Arts Council for the Following Bidwell House projects: security improvement, oral history project and photographic preservation project.

The following building permit applications were approved: Steven and Barbara Hillenius, for a living room addition to their Hupi Woods Circle home; Tom Gillis, for the construction of an outside deck at his Harmon Road home.

— Maggie Leonard

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICE

Elections for town officers will be held at the annual town meeting on May 2. The following candidates have been nominated:

Board of Appeals for 5 years: Peter S. Murkett (R, D), candidate for reelection.

Board of Assessors for 3 years: Gerry Shapiro (R, D), replacing Michael Banner.

Cemetery Committee for 3 years: Rudolph J. Gero (R, D), candidate for reelection.

Constable for 3 years: Raymond W. Tryon (R, D), candidate for reelection.

Finance Committee for 3 years: John A. Ryder (R, D), replacing Sheldon Fenn.

Library Trustee for 3 years; vote for two: Bjorn Jenssen (D); Anne Marie Makuc (R), candidate for reelection; A. Mark Mendel (R, D), candidate for reelection.

Moderator for 1 year: Mark J.J. Makuc (R, D), candidate for reelection.

Park Commission for 3 years: James J. Thomas (R, D), candidate for reelection.

Planning Board for 5 years: Eric J. Pedersen (R, D).

Planning Board for 3 years (completing Peter S. Brown's incomplete term): Kim V. Hines (R, D).

Selectman for 3 years: Peter S. Brown (R, D), replacing Matt Williams.

Tax Collector for 3 years: Henry J. Makuc (R, D), candidate for reelection.

Treasurer for 3 years: Maryellen A. Brown (R, D), candidate for reelection.

Tree Warden for 1 year: Roger C. Tryon (R, D), candidate for reelection.

Introductions to the new candidates will appear in the May issue of the *Monterey News*.

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RABIES CLINIC

The Monterey Fire Department will sponsor a rabies clinic at the firehouse on Saturday, April 11, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. The last half hour will be for cats only. A fee will be charged, and dog licenses will be issued. Note that even if your dog is up-to-date on rabies vaccinations, dog licenses fees are due.

Dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination to be licensed, and they must be licensed. While cats are not currently subject to licensing, it is strongly recommended that they be vaccinated for rabies if they spend any time at all outdoors. The East Coast is experiencing a spreading rabies epidemic among wild raccoons, and unvaccinated pets are at risk. Cats are the most likely bridge between rabid wildlife and people. To protect your family and your pets, do not handle wild animals, and make sure your dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies.

SCHOOL NEWS

The new Mt. Everett School opened on March 10, and everything went smoothly. Students and staff alike were excited to be moving into the impressive, state-of-the-art facility. The dedication of the new building will take place on April 5.

Work is underway to renovate the old building, which will become an elementary school. When it is ready, in January 1993, the fifth and sixth grades, currently in the new building, will move back there. The district has announced a contest to name the new elementary school. The contest runs March 30-April 30. Details are available at the Monterey Library.

In other school news, the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee has voted to adopt school choice. The committee had been reluctant to accept the controversial new law, because of concerns about unfairness. However, the district faced the prospect of losing money for every student living in the district but enrolled in school in another district, and at the same time, not being able to benefit financially from enrolling students living in other districts. Accepting students under the terms of the law eliminates both problems.

Finally, the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee and the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee will meet on April 14 to discuss the relationship between the two districts.

SUMMER DISPOSAL AREA HOURS

Summer hours for the Monterey Disposal Area will begin on Sunday, April 5. The hours are as follows:

SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Stickers for authorized users' vehicles may be obtained at the town hall on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

SPRING PERC TEST PERIOD ANNOUNCED

The Monterey Board of Health has announced that the spring period for percolation tests and deep-observation holes will be April 1 to May 31, 1992.

In accordance with the provisions of the State Environmental Code, Title 5, 310 CMR 15.03 (4) (c), testing in the early part of the period will depend on the weather, since percolation tests may not be made in frozen soil.

Anyone wishing to have holes and tests witnessed, pursuant to 310 CMR 15.03 (1), should contact Monterey's Sanitary Inspector, Peter J. Kolodziej at 243-2100, not less than 72 hours (three days) prior to the date and time proposed for making the holes and tests. In case of emergencies or highly unusual circumstances, it may be possible to arrange witnessing on shorter notice. Final determination of a convenient date and time will be a matter of mutual agreement and may well be more than 72 hours from the time of contact.

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MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on March 4 for a St. Patrick's Day program. Guests were present from Stockbridge and Umpachene.

Worthy Master Tolitha Butler and Worthy Lecturer Mary Wallace recently attended Officers' Night at Stockbridge Grange #295, where Sister Butler served as Master and Sister Wallace as Lecturer.

The annual card party will be held later in the spring.

The Grange met again on March 18 for a Women's Activities program. Twelve feeding bibs were collected for the Soldiers' Homes, as were ten articles to be sold at the Big E for the maintenance of the Grange building and toys for the stuffed toys project.

The next meeting will be April 1 for Booster Night. The program will be open to the public. Deputy Norman Wilcox will be guest speaker and present the community service award to Maynard and Gale Forbes.

— Mary Wallace

MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

The staff and trustees of the Monterey Library would like to thank a number of people for their recent generous efforts. As part of a distribution of old equipment, we received a VCR from the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System. Henry Schick has given us a color television so that library patrons can make use of the VCR. He has also donated a beautiful entertainment center, which he built himself, to hold the video equipment.

Our thanks go also to Eric Pedersen for his efforts in searching for cabinet hardware and to Skip Dinan for his donation of beautiful glass knobs.

Finally, we'd like to thank John and Kip Makuc for their hours of effort in removing bookcases from the Mt. Everett School library. They were attached to the wall with concrete screws and were very difficult to remove. The bookcases will be used in our basement for much-needed storage.

MONTEREY ROUND TABLE NEWS

The Monterey Round Table had a lively meeting on March 18. Wayne Burkhart of the Monterey Planning Board told us about an innovative process that the Planning Board is thinking of implementing: a survey of people and different interest groups in Monterey to determine how they view the town and what kinds of town goals they have. Members of the Round Table are trying to determine how they might be involved in this process.

During a discussion of the current economic situation in Monterey, Alice Howell suggested that we generate a list of products and services offered by the many talented and hard-working residents of Monterey. If you are a painter or a carpenter, if you sell firewood or goat's milk, you might want to be listed. If so, send your name, address and phone number and the product or service you have to offer to: Monterey Round Table, P.O. Box 104, Monterey, MA 01245. We're still deciding how to distribute this list. You'll be hearing more about that next month. In the meantime, *Buy Monterey!*

If you would like to be part of our exciting group, please come to our next meeting. It will be held on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen.

— Angie Sherrard

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The new veterans memorial will be erected at the firehouse, near the flagpole. We are pleased and grateful to the Fire Department for allowing the memorial to be placed there. It will be a beautiful location.

We are still compiling names of summer and full-time residents of Monterey who were veterans of any war from World War II to the present. Please send us veterans' names — we don't want any eligible veteran to be left off the memorial.

Be ready to open your pocketbooks when the fund drive starts.

— Dean Amidon and Art Hastedt

CHURCH NEWS

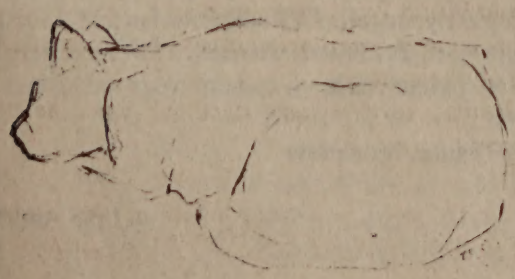
This year, Easter, Passover and Earth Day all fall within a few days of each other. Each "holy-day" has something significant to say about renewal, rebirth and resurrection. Such is the theme of springtime, and yet, these special days give new meaning to new life. Passover is the seed that grew into a journey — the escape from Egypt of the Jewish slaves. Easter marks a continuation of that journey — a rediscovery of what it means to live faithfully as a child of God. Earth Day has become a reminder that we need to have reverence for the life of our planet — the marvelous product crafted from the Creator's hand.

Our Native American ancestors gave word and breath to the theme of reverence:

O, Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze. . . . We need your strength and wisdom. . . . May we walk in beauty. . . . Make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. . . . Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. . . . Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. . . . Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes. . . . So when life fades, as the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame.

We'll be celebrating all three traditions this year: a modified Passover seder on Maundy Thursday (April 16, 7:30 p.m.), the service of Easter resurrection (April 19, 10:00 a.m.), and an Earth Day celebration (April 26, 7:30 p.m.). Come and join us as we celebrate new life.

— Cliff Aerie



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OUR TOWN
Monterey in the Year 2000

Things happen to towns. I grew up outside Brutus, Michigan, which, in my teen years, was a village with a store, a township hall and a post office on US-31. There was also a tiny Baptist church, and an abandoned school building on the only side street. And some houses, of course. But in the early years of the century, there had been hotels, numerous hardware, grocery and implement stores — and lots of bars. These were all accessory to the railroad and the booming lumber industry. The real forces in town were the train station and several large sawmills of logging yards. Fortunately, these boom buildings were made of wood, with little concrete or brick, so they burned out with the short economic fuse of timber wealth. Agriculture saved the town from total collapse, the economy limping along until it was saved by a new generation of snow- and water-skiing auto workers from Detroit.

Towns change. We can't hold them in a static golden era. Economic and social forces bring expansion and retreat. It is understandable, if uncomfortable, when the charm and scale of a small town is swallowed up by the press of its own success. It is less understandable when a town becomes a ghost town, like the old silver towns of Nevada. I find it painful to watch the dying process of some of the towns of the upper Midwest — it seems to me that some of the wealth that built these places should remain as an investment to insure their continued good health and any appropriate growth.

Monterey has had a more steady history than many towns. The low point of population, for example, occurred in 1920, when the town had only 280 permanent residents, after growing to almost 800 around 1850. It's just now (as of the 1990 census) that we are back to the population level of a century ago. Of course, a larger population doesn't necessarily mean better economic or social conditions. There is far less economic enterprise going on in Monterey now than there was in 1920, when the population was so low. And we have fewer social institutions active in the town.

Modern influences (transportation, communication, big business) have eroded vitality and uniqueness from many smaller towns. Gertrude Stein was talking about San Diego when she said, "when you get there, there's no there there." Stein was known for being a bit jaded, but there is a lesson in her comment. A town needs care and planning and investment to stay healthy.

Town planning, like everything else, seems to be more complicated than it used to be. In the 1960s, Monterey started to write laws governing the use of land (the zoning bylaws). Since then, people have worked on plans for the use of natural resources and land (1975) and open space and recreation (1985-86).

The Planning Board is sponsoring the next step in planning for the future of our town. We have proposed a community-wide consultation on social and economic goals. The details will come later. What is important now is to establish the primary goal — the widest possible consensus for the next several decades. The issues are familiar: land use, preferred economic activities, residential allocation (seasonal, single- and multi-family), kinds of services to be offered. We have to continue the process of finding the right way for the town to go in new economic and social environments. The answers may indicate a new synthesis of laws, ideas, services or directions. But to be true to the best for the town, these answers must be a broad consensus, arrived at through discussion and education among all the citizens of Monterey.

— Wayne Burkhart

DAFFODIL DAY

Daffodil Day has come and gone. All you wonderful supporters of the American Cancer Society again came forth, and your donations earned you your lovely yellow blooms. I had to be away, so Shelley Bynack followed up on deliveries for me. Once again, Maynard Forbes gave flowers to the elderly, and Gerry McMahon distributed them. There were fifteen helpers who phoned people on their lists to take orders. Maynard, Gale, Hannah and Shelley distributed them. Thank you everyone.

I'm gratified by the warm response this project gets. When I phone, most people say, "I've been waiting for your call. Daffodil time, isn't it?" So, it is a fun project. Each year, we reach a few more people, and for a great cause — to help deter the spread of cancer.

Thanks, Monterey!

— Fran Amidon

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Many thanks to the children of the St. Peter's Church Youth Group, who donated $42 to the playgroup program. They raised the money by selling refreshments at a children's bingo activity held during February school vacation.

We are pleased to announce that a grant from Kripalu Institute has enabled us to expand our playgroup program in Lee and Lenox. Parent-child playgroups are held in Lee in two locations: Lee Youth Association, Monday and Wednesday, 10:00-11:00 a.m., donation $1; Lee Congregational Church, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., no charge. A new playgroup has started at Lenox Children's Center, Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. We invite you to visit these playgroups and our other groups as well.

Our Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11, from 11:00 a.m.-noon at the Children's Health Program, 54 Castle Street, Great Barrington.

In cooperation with Project Home, CHP will sponsor a workshop, *Ways to Help Handle Difficult Behavior of Children*, on Tuesday, April 21, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The workshop is free, and transportation and baby sitting will be provided. Claudette Callahan, Coordinator of Family Services for CHP, will lead the program. Please call Jim Welch at 528-1985 for more information and to register.

Families are invited to join us for our annual visit to see the animals at Gould Farm in Monterey on Wednesday, April 29, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The raindate is May 6.

Playgroup leaders have been planning a Family Fun Day for May 3, from noon-4:00 p.m. at the Eden Hill Recreation Center in Stockbridge. Bring your own picnic lunch. Pool, gym, hiking trails, games, kite flying, arts and crafts and refreshments will be available. Entertainment will include puppeteer Pam Sigafoes at 1:30 p.m., and musician David Grover at 2:30 p.m. Donation, $5 per family. The event will be held rain or shine. Playgroup leaders and Claudette will have buttons for admission. Volunteers are needed to help with the activities. Call Claudette or Wendy at 528-4007 if you'd like to help.

We welcome our new Parent-to-Parent volunteers, Joan Douglas, Melissa Heath, Polly Knowles, Winifred Martin, Sandi Nega and Sally Turner. The work of the volunteers is invaluable to our area families, who strive to accomplish the very important and very difficult job of raising children. By working together, we can all make this a better community.

— Claudette Callahan

GOULD FARM DIRECTOR RESIGNS

Lawrence E. Bienemann, who became executive director of Gould Farm a year ago, resigned on March 7. When he announced the resignation, Lewis Scheffey, president of the board of directors, stated that Mr. Bienemann had completed his job of putting Gould Farm into good financial shape and left a capable management team in place.

Brian Snyder, formerly associate director in charge of Gould Farm's Boston programs, was named acting executive director. Mr. Scheffey stated that the board would not seek a permanent executive director in the foreseeable future.

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Two series of nature walks, led by Bonner McAllester, will be offered in June and July. One series, meeting on five consecutive Tuesdays (June 30, July 7, 14, 21 and 28) will be for children ages 3-5. The other, meeting on Wednesdays (July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29) will be for children ages 6-12. Each group will be limited to the first ten who register.

Bonner McAllester is known to readers of the *MontereyNews* for her columns on natural history. She is a teacher, naturalist, writer and illustrator with twenty years' experience.

The walks are scheduled for 9:00-10:30 a.m. and will begin and end at the church basement in Monterey. Each week, the class will focus on a different habitat and will include a walk, discussion, identification, sketching and writing or oral reporting. Classes will meet rain or shine.

These walks constitute a five-week course in the natural history of Monterey. Children are asked to register in advance for all five weeks. The fee is $35 per child. Call Bonner McAllester (528-9385) for more information and to register.

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MONTEREY WILDLIFE SURVEY NEWS

Small mammals: On February 27, the McAllesters saw a mole wandering about in daylight in the snow. On March 10, Eleanor Kimberley saw an opossum.

Birds of all kinds: The McAllesters had four turkeys who regularly appeared under the bird feeder through the winter. By the end of February, their number was down to three, and by March, they no longer appeared. They spotted song sparrows on the 4 and 5 of March, a purple finch on March 5, a pair of purple finches and twelve goldfinches on March 7, and a long string of Canada geese on March 13.

Eleanor Kimberley saw the year's first starling at her feeder on March 5, blackbirds on March 6, a number of geese and starlings on March 10, three song sparrows and a fox sparrow on March 13.

Joyce Scheffey saw a bluebird in Monterey on February 17. Eleanor Kimberley heard of bluebirds in Great Barrington all winter, and the McAllesters saw a pair on February 24 on Stony Brook Road in Great Barrington.

Pussy willows: The McAllesters saw them on February 27; Eleanor Kimberley reports them from March 10.

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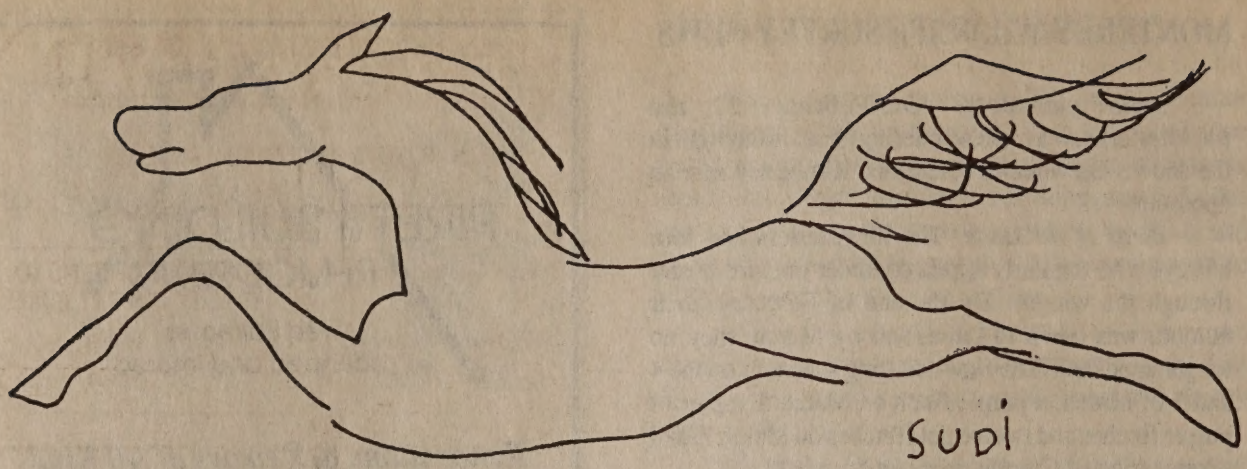

THE SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT HORSE

Our whole family has been on an exhausting search for the past month, scouring the countryside, the want ads, the 4-H clubs, for the perfect horse. The first horse we looked at was perfect, but it turned out someone else had first refusal on her. Since she was perfect, these people of course bought her.

We sat home heartbroken for a day or two, and then went to look at another horse. It was zero degrees out, and windy: bad weather for doing anything. But we had the bit in our teeth, so to speak, and if there were horses out there, we were going to check them out. This second horse, despite the weather, was *also* perfect! Can you believe it? He was different in almost every respect from the first horse we'd seen, and yet, he too was wonderful. We did not buy him because he was the ugliest horse we had ever encountered, and we had to go home and search our souls as to whether or not we could stand to be seen with him. It was our vanity, our imperfection, that was the problem here, not his. I said to myself, "Mostly, I won't have time to ride this horse. My pleasure will come from looking at it as I am dashing up to the garden, jumping in the car, doing all the things I do which will not leave me much time for riding. Will my heart leap up like I want it to when I look at this ugliest of horses?"

While thinking this one over and tossing it back and forth with the other family members, we drove off to see another horse. She was *also* perfect! Oh, maybe she hadn't been ridden much, maybe never learned a thing, really, about that special bond between rider and horse, that silent, instantaneous communication by means of body signals. Actually, we couldn't tell if she'd ever had a bridle on in her life. But she was so beautiful that just sitting on her and looking forward at the world as seen through the gorgeous curve of her ears was enough to put her into the perfect category. Also, she was that color of a shiny penny, chestnut with a pinkish sheen. You could take her home and just gaze at her and be in horse heaven the rest of your life.

We thought it over, made phone calls, looked at more horses. One thing about all these horses is they all belonged to someone. Each trip took us into yet another barn or stable where we would listen to some human being talk. Usually, we would have spoken with this person on the phone first, and always we would hear that there was this perfect horse out in the barn, just right for us. Once, we drove two-and-a-half hours to see such a creature, and were dumbfounded by what we saw. Oh, she was perfect, all right, but I wouldn't say she was "great for kids." She reared and bucked and carried on when her own human being asked her to canter. Maybe she had a sore place. The person said, "She gets mad when you try to get her to do something. I've been trying to get her to canter ever since I got her."

She was a fat, bored, neglected little horse, who was clearly perfect deep down inside. We could have just brought her home and worked with her a little....

Pretty soon, our problem was clear — too many perfect horses! Such agony to choose only one. Should we consider *two* horses? Surely, if one horse was desirable, then two horses would be twice as desirable. We could have so much perfection around here, we'd just be drifting in horse heaven all the time.

It took Cora, the steady, five-year-old voice of reason at the dinner table, to remind us what it was we would really be drifting in.

"Too.....much.....man.....ure!" she intoned, and she was right. So we took a deep breath and made our choice. We chose Lace, lovely mare with the sensitive eyes and sweet disposition. Big enough for the biggest of us, sweet enough for the smallest. We sat the dinner table, collected our romantic horse yearnings, and directed them all toward Lace. She bore up just fine, and our hearts began to swell with her. We made a phone call and spoke for her, and then we began calling about all the other perfect horses to say, "No, thanks."

It was hard telling those people that although their horses were perfect, we weren't going to buy them. It didn't make any sense, even to me. Someday, we will have our own horse ranch in Wyoming. We'll take Lace and all the other perfect horses out there with us and turn them loose on our river bottom in the winter, grassy upland in summer. But until then, I am eternally grateful to Cora for her words of wisdom, and I think of them every day as I push our wheelbarrow through the mud and gaze at the graceful neck of Lace, her lovely face and generous body, her perfect everything.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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face the Scotsman who
drives your dirge
through an inflated bag.
The air crowds; he competes,
defeats the military
helicopter overhead. (You
drew the khaki dragonfly
yourself, a wry wrinkle
in the corner of the page;
a sop to out solemnity.)

Grieve this, you call, if
grieving suits you: sleeping children
proud and trained in weapons of war
fly over funerals,
and each of them a Wilfred Owen.
As for me, salute
me with a shout.
Send me on,
my way satisfied,
awake and aware with a rousing.
Amen.

— MaryKate Jordan

SPRING

Spring comes
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Earth is burgeoning.
The air is spicy.
Bulbs are fleshing.
Plants on tiptoe
Thrusting, adjusting.
Bees are buzzing.
All the elements are meshing.

— Nancy Adams

ENIGMA

My first in in happy, not in sad.
My next not in lonely, but it is in glad.
My third is in friendly, not in hate.
And my last is in month, though not in date.

Find the letters that spell the answer.

— Eleanor Kimberley

Answer on page 18

FAREWELL TO WINTER

Farewell old winter with ice and snow
And chilly blasts with each breath you blow,
With Jack Frost's paintings on window panes,
And sparkling diamonds from freezing rains
Crowning the hillsides and valleys too
Whenever the sun comes smiling through.
On mountain tops bright sunsets glow
As the time draws near when you must go.

Now we long for spring to come once more
With juncos hopping near our door;
With robins' songs at break of dawn
And crocuses to deck the lawn.

Farewell old winter and welcome spring!
Welcome the flowers, and birds that sing.
Welcome the sunshine bright and warm,
And farewell to you with your cold and storm.

— Eleanor Kimberley

FROST HEAVES

Winter has returned
After this taste of spring;
The thaw reached deeply
Into my thoughts
And my buds were green
Under thinning winter shells.
The sun sang in its return
And I embraced it
Like a lost brother.

But winter has returned,
And I am feeling ice
Creep back
Where I wish
It would not.

— Bill Meier

HUNTING SONGS IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY

If I see it, then I'll know to buy groceries.
Many hours I drove those healing roads
through a landscape too profound
to be contained
except by horizons.

I drove to the gate — locked.
But wheel tracks around
recalled the flood of last summer
when The People made a new pathway.

I drove through blackjack oak — breathless.
A field of broken yellow straw grasses
Grey arbors of dead willows in a circle —
skeletal ghosts of the summer ceremony —
and in their midst
Thunder's Nest still thrust itself upward
Colorful cloths blowing in the high dusty wind —
My cloth there too.

Pork and chicken
dried corn and doughnuts
coffee, Cracker Jack, bananas, bread

I knocked on her door.
"Come in," she said.

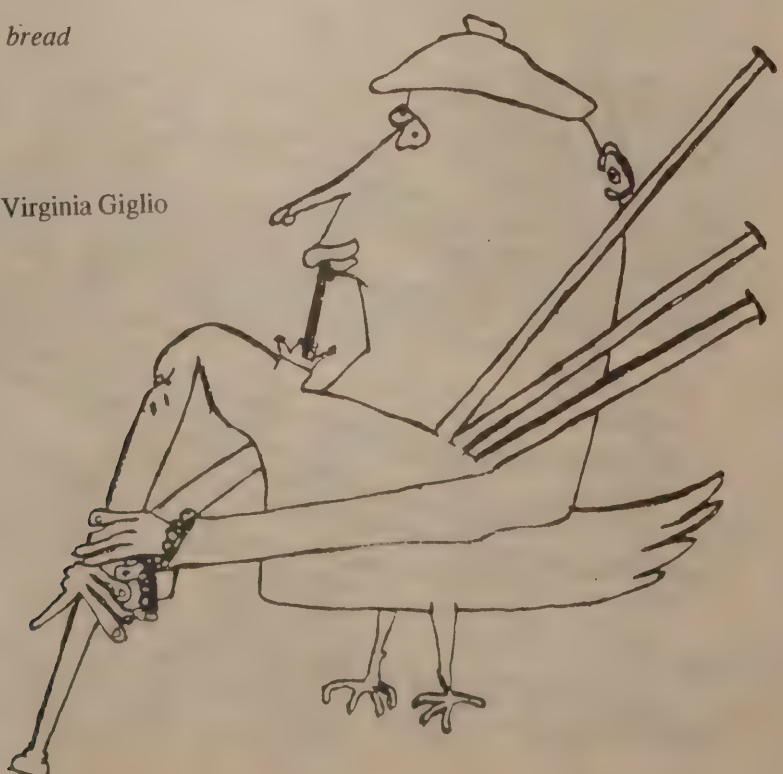
— Virginia Giglio

THE SURPRISE

For Walter Andersen

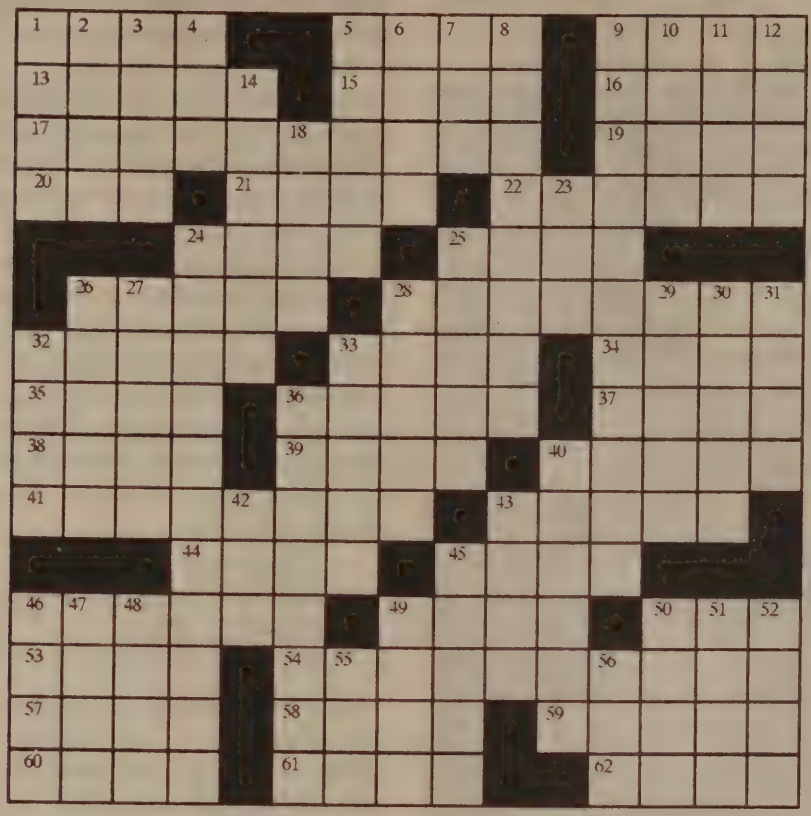
You planted
crocuses to spell 'I love you'
one fall afternoon
while I was busy baking.
The moles were deeply touched
all winter under the snows.
Come spring
the crocuses couldn't spell at all
but I got the message from
purple, white, and yellow shouts
of glory random in the green.
We laughed
looking out the kitchen window
and talked of putting in the screens soon
for summer
but really we were thinking —
another spring,
still together.

— Alice O. Howell



THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE

By Ted Tchack



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WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY
Tom and Kathy Andrus

The almost universal theme in the love story between Monterey and the visitors who want to become full-time residents here is, "How can I stay in Monterey forever and still manage to make a living?" The same dilemma is often faced by Montereyans who have lived here all their lives. In the case of Thomas M. Andrus, the Fates joined hands with a supportive family and made the dream come true.

Tom grew up on Beartown Mountain Road with three brothers and a sister. His grandmother, Helen Hanley, bought the house where she still lives with her daughter, Irene Kenny. They operated the Forest Hills Beauty Shop there for many years and still take care of a few, favored, long-time customers. Tom's parents, Thomas E. Andrus and Pat Hanley Andrus, raised their family there. Thomas E. was for some years part owner of A & C Auto Body Shop in Great Barrington. Pat had a career as a nurse before her marriage and returned to it after her children were born.

Naturally, young Tom grew up with an interest in cars and metal work. He was also fascinated by mediaeval armor, weapons and old cars. When he graduated from high school, he went to work at Plaza Ford in Great Barrington, and then came the opportunity in Monterey. Mike Barrier, owner of Precision Autocraft, wanted to leave private business. Tom and his father were glad to have the opportunity to operate a business in their home town, and they went into a partnership in auto body work.

From the beginning, the business was a success, guaranteed by the unbeatable logic of hard work and high quality. The Andruses started their joint venture in 1979, and "there's never been a time when we weren't busy." Additional help was needed, and the work force now stands at six, counting the two Toms. "It has helped that our customers know they can count on us. They have worry enough with their disabled cars. They shouldn't have to worry about the repair work, too!" New work space has been added to the original building, and a couple of years ago, Tom purchased Berkshire Racing Green, Lanny Lanoue's car restoring enterprise, when Lanny decided to move on to the restoration of old aircraft.

Tom's eyes light up when he describes the challenges of old car restoration: the sleuthing to find antique parts or the craft work of recreating them. Nowadays, one can ransack the resources of the entire country by telephone and computer to gradually unite the perfect client with the perfect '54 Packard convertible. This is the historic and classic side of the otherwise very practical work of body repair. The esthetic satisfaction in all highly visible restoration is greatly increased by the thrill of finding something rare, old and valuable and putting it back into use. Bob Wuori and Greg Wilson usually preside over the antique restoration work at Precision Autocraft East, and Mark Carson and Garry Ovitt are the additional help in the original shop.

Tom and Kathy were married in 1985 after eight years of seeing each other here and there and "kind of dating." Kathy grew up in Mill River and had been left a widow with an infant daughter, Melissa, now thirteen. Max was born four years ago. They live in Kathy's house deep in the woods and high on the side of Dry Hill in New Marlboro. Their wide clearing is surrounded by tall pines on three sides. The fourth side offers a spectacular view of Great Barrington's East Mountain. The house itself has been extensively remodeled and a new wing added. The human Andruses share their home with two dogs, two cats, a pair of doves, parakeets and Petrie, an African grey parrot with a bright scarlet tail. Petrie's vocabulary includes "come on board!" when he climbs on your arm, "hello!" when the phone rings, and "what?" when Max calls.

Standing guard by the master bedroom door is a suit of armor, a replica made in England just the size for Tom and complete in every detail. It is perfect for

special occasions like Halloween and represents the realization of a lifetime of interest. There are two huge swords to go with it. Several grandfather clocks add their sonorities to the sights and sounds of this unusual house. There is also massive furniture, beautifully crafted by some of Kathy's relatives.

Kathy is involved in the Youth Group and the Sunday School at the New Marlboro Congregational Church. She is home-oriented, and her sure eye and sense of design account for much of the handsome interior of the forest house on Dry Hill. It is a favorite place for weddings, holiday gatherings and other family events for the numerous Andrus relatives.

The many branches of the Andrus family supply valuable services for Monterey and other towns in this part of the Berkshires. For Tom and his father, their business venture has been a great satisfaction, and for the rest of us, their career has been a lesson in possibilities.

— David P. McAllester

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN
Going East and South of the Border

I was now in Nevada, the Silver State. Coming down to the little desert town of Pahrump, the air was good! I stayed for two days at the new Escapees (SKP) Co-op. (SKP is a camping club.) The only reason for Pahrump is it's only 67 miles from Las Vegas. No market, few stores, only a good little Chinese restaurant, and the famous (or infamous) Chicken Ranch. I had to drive by. It was way out at the end of a well-used dirt road. The sign said: *Chicken Ranch: Brothel.*

Down, down into Las Vegas. Smog, of course. A sprawling, big city, new buildings going up everywhere. You can't believe Las Vegas Blvd. — millions of lights, fountains, people, people all day, all night. There were slot machines in markets, in the laundromat, in the drug stores. I didn't see any in the bathroom, but I wasn't there long enough.

My sister-in-law lives there. Besides the night life, there is a lot to do. College courses, and I saw the best, the very best, Senior Center. Pat and I went there. We took a class in aerobics, in a lovely big building. With more time, we could have tried Advanced Spanish, Fabérge Egg Design, Western Line Dance, John Wayne Movie Series, Animal Appreciation, TV News Club or Square and Round Dance. How about that! I like Las Vegas.

I stayed at the Thousand Trails Park in the middle of the city. Even though nights were cold, the pool was always warm. Over the weekend, the city had a bank robbery and three homicides. (There's money in Las Vegas!)

After six days there, I headed south. I passed a bar called What's Up, in Searchlight. I had to go into California. I hate to do that because you're always stopped. "What food do you have aboard?" They know I live in the camper. I answer, "Nothing." "Go ahead," they say.

Into Blythe, with desert and mountains. Many RVs. Into Vidal, population 90. Highway not so good, winding, dips. Few cars, no towns. Nobody for 125 miles on I-95, through the Yuma Proving Grounds. After eight hours, I finally arrived in Yuma, Arizona, where I was welcomed by old friends, Skip and Betty. Good dinner, good talk. And a good night's sleep, parked in their driveway. Yuma is large, full of "snowbirds," but you can't call it a city.

Next day, east in I-8 to Casa Grande (halfway between Phoenix and Tucson). My friend Vera, who I met in Pahrump, was waiting for me at the SKP park. She had said, "I want to see Mexico." "I'll take you," I said, longing to go back again. So we set about getting ready our two campers. I had a lube, bought food and lots of water and things for the Mexican children. We headed for the border city of Nogales, where we spent the night.

In the morning, we bought the necessary, but expensive car insurance, traded American dollars for pesos, but kept enough dollar bills to slip to the Mexican border officials to get our permits.

It was a breeze. A new border point, and we didn't have to wait. We were in Mexico! The highway was four lanes, unfenced, lots of cows, horses and goats along the way. We passed a string of burned-out boxcars, where people were living. We stopped for gas twice, getting liters mixed up with gallons, picking out the pesos to pay. We didn't know exactly how much we paid for gas until that night when we got out the calculator. We talked back and forth on our CB radios.

We pulled into the park (where I had stayed two years earlier, on a guided trip with 35 campers) in San Carlos after dark, seven hours from the border. Lovely and warm here. The town is nestled between the Sea of Cortez and the bare, jagged mountains, rising 2000 feet.

We spent three fun-filled days, going into the sea, Mexican breakfasts, shopping. But, I lost one of my two cats — I don't dare to think about it.

On the way back, we stopped for a night in the big town of Hermosillo. The following morning, after stopping for gas, my camper wouldn't start. A group of Mexican men tried their best to get it going, finally hitting the motor with a hammer. It started!

Through customs. (Yes, I cooked all my vegetables, told the official where I lived, why I went to San Carlos, showed him my bills, my dogs' papers.) He let me through without an inspection.

Didn't stop until we got to Tucson. We stopped for good old, much better American gas. Vera noticed that my camper's propane tank was dragging. The night attendant at the station couldn't do a thing about handling propane. I called a friend who used to have an RV repair place. He came right over and bolted the tank to some new boards in the bottom of the closet.

On my way to the SKP park in Casa Grande, I thought, Mexico does terrible things to your car, with rough roads and questionable gas. But you know, I would go back in a minute! I fell into bed, all ready for a big Thanksgiving dinner the next day.

In the next few days, I had all the necessary

repairs done on my camper. I spent a lovely two days visiting a Stanford buddy and his wife in Phoenix. Then I took off for points east.

Through New Mexico, Land of Enchantment. Into Texas (Drive friendly...Don't mess with Texas). Texas is so big! Takes forever. El Paso is gigantic, with smog so bad that the giant mountains can't be seen. Cowboy music on the radio. Overturned double truck on the side of the road. A long, long train with double cars. Red barns. Yellow grass among the bushes. Little palm trees. Crossed the Rio Grande (not much water). Oil wells and big, round silver oil tanks. Little trees, bent by the wind. Dairy Queens are big in the Southwest. Spent a night in Pecos. Mexican burritos for breakfast. On the radio, I heard that soybeans, hogs are the same. Through Sweetwater, Odessa, Abilene.

I arrived in Stephenville, about fifty miles from Dallas, at 3:30, for a visit with old friends Margo and Walt. Left the next morning for Thousand Trails at Whitney Lake. Next day to the SKP headquarters in Livingston.

Finally, on December 9, I was out of Texas. The little town of Walsh, Louisiana was my next stop. Dropped down to Biloxi, Mississippi, for red crab at one of my favorite restaurants, Fisherman's Wharf. On to the new SKP Rainbow Plantation on the Gulf of Alabama.

I spent three days there, then up to Suwanee, Georgia. Then, the next day to Henderson, North Carolina, to pick up my little Toyota (which my family had driven down). I had lunch with the Stowells, who then helped me hook up my car. Early next morning, the camper-and-car went flying down...through Savannah (night there), through St. Cloud, Florida (night there), and arrived, after dark, at my destination, the Florida Keys!

— Joan Reed

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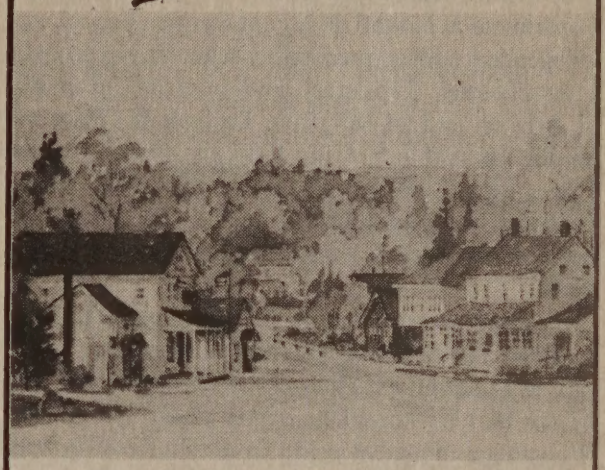

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PERSONAL NOTES

Hearty congratulations to **Kyp Wasiuk**, who has been named head of the History and Social Science Department at Northfield Mount Hermon School, an independent college-preparatory school in Northfield, Massachusetts. Kyp earned a BA from the University of Arizona and an MA from Dartmouth. Prior to joining the staff at NMH in 1988, she spent a year in Cairo, Egypt, and before that taught at the Tilton School in New Hampshire for twelve years. Kyp and her husband **Joseph** have a summer home on Hupi Road.

And, congratulations to **Ian Rodgers**, who received the bronze medal at an Interclub Super G ski race at Butternut vs. Mohawk on March 1. Also, on March 14, Ian received the bronze medal at the Youth Wrestling tournament at Mt. Everett in the 89-pound weight class Ian is the son of **Bud** and **Cathy Rodgers** of Main Road.

Hats off to Monterey students named to the honor roll at Monument Mountain Regional High School for the second quarter: in Grade 11, **Marta Makuc** made High Honors; in Grade 10, **Erin** and **Meghan Sadlowski** made High Honors; and in Grade 9, **Paul Makuc** made High Honors and **Joshua Aerie** made Honors. A great achievement! Keep up the good work, all of you.

Also on the honor roll, at Berkshire Country Day School, in Grade 8, **Morgan Schick** made High Honors. The last weekend in March, Morgan appeared in the Berkshire Public Theatre Youth Ensemble's production of *Voices from the High School.* Morgan is the son of **Alice** and **Joel Schick** of Main Road.

After twelve years in Monterey, **Henry Schick** is returning to live in the Chicago area. He is looking forward to spending time with old friends and family, and especially to baby sitting for his first great-grandson, who was born last November. Henry's new address is: Asbury Court Apt. F215, 214 Airport Road, North Aurora, Illinois 60542.

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **John Piretti** on April 1, to **Maynard Forbes** and **Wendy Tryon** on April 2, to **Eric Pedersen** on April 4, to **Karl Quisenberry** on April 5, to **Bonnie Cox** (her *what?*) on April 8, to **Helen Shaw** on April 12, to **Don Coburn** on April 18, to **Barbara Dahlman** on April 20, to **Ezra Small** on April 27, and to **Grace Burke** and **Robert Logsdon** on April 29. Also, Happy Anniversary to **Maynard** and **Gale Forbes** on April 5.

I appreciate your contributions! Any tidbits you'd like to share — travels, birthdays, accomplishments, etc. — please jot them down and drop them in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call at 528-4519. Thanks!

— Stephanie Grotz

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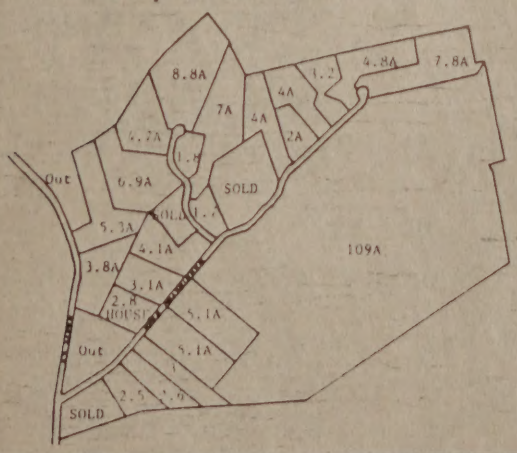

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 7 — Prayer Breakfast at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen. 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8 — Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Saturday, April 11 — Rabies Clinic, sponsored by the Monterey Fire Department. 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the firehouse. For more information, see *Rabies Clinic* elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday, April 11 — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults $4, children $1 to dance until intermission. Information: 528-9385.

Wednesday, April 15 — Monterey Round Table meeting at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen (corner of Beartown Road and Hupi Road). 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16 — Friends of Silence meditation at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen. 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 21 — Free Blood Pressure clinic. 9:00-10:30 a.m., downstairs at the town hall.

Saturday, April 25 — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE. New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have some square or contra dance experience. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission $4. Information: 528-9385.

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